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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
 DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE :
 OF :

Administrative Action

LAURIE PETERSON-DEERFIELD, D.O. :
 LICENSE NO. 25MB7419100 :

ORDER GRANTING
 UNRESTRICTED LICENSURE

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND
 SURGERY IN THE STATE OF
 NEW JERSEY

This matter was most recently opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of a petition from Laurie Peterson-Deerfield, D.O. (Respondent) for an unrestricted license. This matter was first opened to the Board upon receipt of information from the Physicians' Health Program of the Medical Society of New Jersey ("PHP") that in March 2004, Laurie Peterson-Deerfield, D.O. had relapsed into the abuse of cocaine and alcohol. Respondent entered into an in-patient substance treatment program and voluntarily surrendered her license

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to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey without prejudice on April 12, 2004.

In June 2004, Respondent appeared before the Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board and petitioned for licensure for the sole purpose of completing the remainder of the last year of her residency program. On July 8, 2004, Dr. Peterson-Deerfield was granted a license Limited to completing her residency program.

After completing her residency, Respondent petitioned the Board for an unrestricted license. On November 17, 2004, Respondent appeared before the Committee of the Board and testified regarding her petition for an unrestricted license. Respondent was accompanied by Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., F.A.S.A.M., Executive Medical Director of the PHP, who testified in support of her petition. Evidence available to the Board supports the finding that Respondent has been compliant with all conditions imposed upon her limited licensure. The Board is satisfied that good cause presently exists to reinstate the license of Laurie Peterson-Deerfield, P.O.

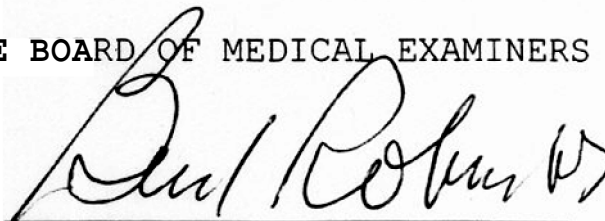
The Board having determined that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS, on this 15th day of January, 2005

ORDERED: Respondent Laurie Peterson-Deerfield, D.O. is hereby granted a unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

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Bernard Robins, M.D.
President